

## RAILROAD NEWS

L. M. Jones of Santa Fe Authority on Telephones.

Reads Valuable Paper Before N. Y. Convention.

BIG GAIN IN EFFICIENCY

Believed 50 Per Cent Is Gained in Time.

Other Items of General Interest in Traffic World.

L. M. Jones, superintendent of telegraph of the Santa Fe, headquarters in Topeka is an authority on the new telephone system of dispatching. Mr. Jones gave a valuable paper before the recent meeting of railway telegraph superintendents in New York. The paper was entitled, "What the Telephone Has Done for the Santa Fe." In part it read:

"The only objection which has been brought to my notice is the one due to the use of the headband receiver, which it is necessary for the despatcher to wear constantly for eight hours daily. The pressure of the band and its weight, with that of the receiver, in time becomes annoying. The hard rubber shell of the receiver cap makes a heavy pressure upon parts of the ear; the soft rubber cushion, if used, relieves this trouble to a considerable extent, but in warm weather causes considerable perspiration and consequent uncomfortable feeling. Here, it seems to me, is the largest field for improvement. We should have a transmitter sufficiently powerful to permit placing a receiver in such a position that the despatcher may hear by placing his ear near it, and in this way avoid the necessity for the use of the headband receiver. We have all noticed operators along the line wearing the receiver headband while engaged on other work, which is done for the purpose of keeping in touch with train movements. In this we must admit an advantage in favor of the telephone.

"The advantages of the telephone are great. The first and one that is noticeable as soon as a circuit is placed in service, is the time saved in calling offices. A weather report may be secured from 20 offices promptly than five minutes. By telephone it would probably take 20 minutes and be closed with possibly one-fourth of the offices failing to respond. It is not unusual for the despatcher to be called upon by a relay or Western Union office to ring an office for which they have a rush message and are unable to raise the office promptly by telephone, and this he can do with practically no effort.

"In transmitting orders, the speed is regulated by the despatcher who writes the order in his book at the time it is sent. While some time is saved in transmission, probably 25 per cent, by far the greatest saving is made in repeating. An order may be repeated in approximately one-fourth the time required for telegraph repetition. The consensus of opinion is that the telephone increases the efficiency of the train despatcher at least 25 per cent; some insist that 50 per cent is nearer correct. In some cases it may be possible to lengthen districts and possibly get along with fewer despatchers."

GOOD WORD FOR M. J. DRURY.  
His Photograph as Frontispiece of Santa Fe Magazine.

Arkansas City, Kan., June 18.—The frontispiece of the Santa Fe Employees' magazine for June consists of a striking photograph of M. J. Drury, who entered the service of the Santa Fe 23 years ago, and proceeded to make good right from the start when he was engaged as a machinist in the Topeka shops. He has served in various capacities and after many years absence, he is back in the shops at Topeka, as the head of that institution which employs 3,000 men. The railroad people of Arkansas City are especially interested in the career of Mr. Drury, who was at one time master mechanic of the Oklahoma division, which position his son, Charles J.

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Drury also filled for several months, and the son, like his father, is a very progressive and successful railroad man. One of the chief factors in their success has been the great popularity of both men with the employees who have worked under them. They are big hearted and generous with the men, and their efficiency is increased by the employees who put forth their best efforts to make a good showing for the departments which are conducted under the supervision of M. J. and C. J. Drury, the latter master mechanic of the Santa Fe at Amarillo, Texas.

M. P. LIKES NEW MOTOR CARS.  
Planning Now to Install Service From Kansas City to Omaha.

Leavenworth, Kan., June 18.—Although no official confirmation can be secured, it is thought to be the intention of the Missouri Pacific company to replace some of the passenger trains on the Omaha division with the latest type of motor cars. This fact has been rumored in railroad circles in the past few weeks but as yet no news of the change has been given out at headquarters.

The Missouri Pacific recently installed a motor on one of its branch lines for the purpose of trying it out with the view, probably, of eventually putting on this class of service between Kansas City and Omaha. The cost of operating a motor car has been found to be much less than that of a regular passenger train. It is planned to replace only the local passengers with motors, the through trains carrying the mail and most of the baggage. The plan is to have a heavy motor trailed by a light passenger coach or one of the latest motor cars, a combination motor and passenger coach all in one car. The motors are pleasant to ride in during the summer and the roads which operate them are sure of getting good business.

U. P. INTO NORTHWEST SOON.

Fort Collins Looking Any Day for Orders From Omaha.

Fort Collins, Colo., June 18.—Denials or no denials, the Union Pacific railway has started a movement here which tells without equivocation or evasion its plans for the extension of its line from this city to the north-west. The company built a line from Denver into this city last year at an expense of about \$2,000,000. The company officials denied that it would build farther, and all answers as to where the line would lead were evaded. It built a fine passenger depot here, and in it provided train dispatching rooms. It built a large modern roundhouse, which has as yet not been used. It started the construction of a great coal loading plant for locomotives, which has not been completed and is not yet in use.

REED TO NOMINATE CLARK.



Senator Reed.

Senator Reed, of Missouri has been picked to make Champ Clark's nominating speech at the Baltimore convention. Senator Reed recently declared that the bitter fight between Taft and Roosevelt is a disgrace to American politics.

TO HELP OUT EDITORS.

K. U. Will Put Cost Expert on Staff to Help Them.

Leavenworth, June 18.—Following a talk by Merle Thorpe of the Journalism department at Kansas university the First District Editorial association when in session here adopted a resolution calling on the University of Kansas to provide an expert in cost-finding, and in publishing and typography, whose services might be had by Kansas editors and printers on request. A similar resolution was adopted by the State Editorial association last month.

The speaker declared that the country editor is a hybrid, neither a purely professional man, nor solely a business man. He must be doubly equipped. His paper is undoubtedly the "palladium of liberty," and the "bulwark of democracy;" he is entrusted with the "mighty power of the press;" but unless he keeps his job press humming the sheriff will come along and shut off the "power."

An editor found out the other day after he had the cost system put in that it had cost him an average of 11 2-3 cents an inch to set up and distribute the advertising he had run during the past three years. Yet he had been getting only 8 cents an inch for it. This editor would have been money in pocket had he thrown out all advertising.

Prof. Thorpe will ask the regents to put in a cost man who will be available to any editor who needs his assistance in installing the system in his "back-office."

Weather Conditions at Colby.

Colby, Kan., June 18.—Weather conditions here during the last week have resulted in some injury to forage crops as a result of excessive rains. From 3 to 5 inches precipitation is reported. The ground, farmers say, was never in better condition. Contracts for bridges washed away by the recent high water will be let soon.

Attell and Murphy to Fight.

San Francisco, June 18.—Abe Attell and Tommy Murphy have been matched to fight twenty rounds at Daly City on July 4. They are to enter the ring at 135 pounds.

## SEE MORE WHEAT

Cheyenne and Rawlins Counties Kick on Report.

Acreage Underestimated in Smiley Report, Farmers Say.

SOCIALISTS FILE TICKET

Postmaster at Gaylord Quits Good Job.

W. R. Dowling Will Try to Repeal Foolish Laws.

Bird City, June 18.—The wheat raisers of Cheyenne and Rawlins counties take exception to the Smiley grain map as printed in the Topeka State Journal of May 26. It shows Cheyenne county to have 37,183 acres of wheat and Rawlins county 12,554 acres. According to the farmers the facts are: In Cheyenne county there is a total acreage of both spring and winter wheat 66,789 acres; in Rawlins county the acreage is estimated at about 150,000 acres. The statement follows:

"One can stand on the wind mill tower of the town well at Bird City and with an ordinary field glass can easily see more wheat than Mr. Smiley credits to the entire county. Bird City is the center of a beautiful level plain, covered with magnificent fields of waving grain in all directions. This beautiful plain stretches away from Bird City absolutely level in all directions for several miles. This is the country where life is too short to put it in plowing the land with mules or horses. Nothing short of a big engine with fifteen or twenty plows attached, will satisfy the desires of the average farmer in preparing his land for another crop."

"As to Rawlins county, it would be easy to find two or three farmers who in the aggregate have more wheat than the entire acreage credited to that county. It is safe to say that Rawlins county has in the neighborhood of 150,000 acres of wheat which with the recent rains should make a bumper crop for that vicinity."

"In Cheyenne county a great industry is raising broom corn. This year there was about 2,000 acres sown to broom corn. In Jefferson township, Cheyenne county, a territory six miles square, every acre can be farmed. It is level as a floor. Wind mills are numerous and water is found at a depth of about 200 feet. No doubt this township beats the record in Kansas in the matter of level landscape view."

Smith County Faces Well.

Smith county wins out handsomely in the matter of sergeant-at-arms of the Chicago convention. Four appointments were secured for that county. The strangest part of it was the fact that the name of Colonel Dan Dyer was missing.

There is talk of the Democrats of the Fortieth senatorial district drafting W. D. Womer of Phillipsburg for state senator. This district comprises the counties of Norton, Phillips and Smith. It has been many years since a Democrat represented the district in the state senate.

Malone Out for Senate.

James Malone of Herndon, present member of the legislature from Rawlins county, is a candidate for the primary nomination for state senator in the Thirty-ninth district. He made good in his two terms in the lower house. He has been a great advocate of the experiment station at Hays City. He believes that the development of Ellis and adjoining counties is due in a great measure to the experiment station. He favors all appropriations which tend to the development of the agricultural interests of western Kansas. Mr. Malone is a practical farmer, and is at the head of the Herndon model flouring mills.

The Republicans of the Thirty-ninth senatorial district, which covers thirteen counties all in the Sixth congressional district, expect a lively fight for the nomination for representative. It is said there are three candidates so far in the race. W. E. Ward of Wallace county, E. J. Guilbert of Logan county and Rev. J. Ed Stevens of Sherman county. The two first mentioned live on the line of the Union Pacific road and the latter on the Rock Island. Mr. Guilbert formerly represented Logan county in the legislature. Some of the fellows contend that this is a fight between two of the big Kansas railroads for political supremacy.

The Democrats of Sheridan county are not afraid to carry their political announcements in the Hoxie Sentinel, a Republican newspaper. It is almost a standoff in the matter of those who are seeking offices.

The Republicans of Sheridan county are hunting for some man who wants to represent that county in the legislature and beat the present incumbent, John Schlicher, a Democrat, who made a fine record in his first term.

Hill City Lawyer in Race.

F. D. Turck, Republican, has announced his candidacy for the legislature in Graham county. He is a prominent lawyer in that section of the state. He lives in Hill City, where he has resided for more than a quarter of a century. He promises to support for United States senator the candidate who receives the highest vote in the primary election.

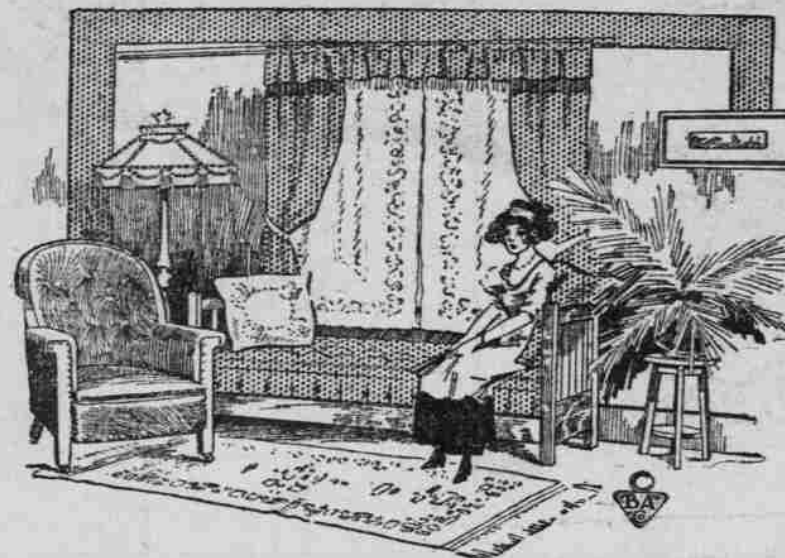
The Socialists of Thomas county have nominated the following ticket: Representative, R. D. Misner; county clerk, C. C. Cole; treasurer, John H. Stover; register of deeds, John Keller; clerk of court, Claude Schenck; sheriff, John Graham; probate judge, John McGinley; surveyor, John Randall; coroner, J. F. McLaughlin; commissioners, Nate Byars and Charley Emel.

As a general rule a postmaster doesn't resign. Such isn't the case with the Gaylord postmaster. He filled the position for a number of years with perfect satisfaction to the patrons. Congressman Young will find it difficult to select a man who will give such general satisfaction as has "Pete" Meadows.

W. R. Dowling, a prominent stock man and farmer of Norton county, will ask for the Democratic nomination for the legislature. He says: "I believe that Kansas now has too many fool laws, and if I am elected I will consider it my duty at least to work for the repeal of as many of them as possible."

The Osborne county Democrats will present the name of Harry Gray for state senator of the Thirty-fourth district. He has a wide acquaintance in the district comprising the counties of Ellsworth, Lincoln, Osborne and Russell. He is one of the earliest settlers in Osborne county. He is a practical farmer.

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6.00 Rustic Chairs	3.00	6.00 Rustic Rocker	3.00
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27.50 Golden Oak . 22.50	82.50 Golden Oak 75.00
33.50 Golden Oak . 27.50	40.00 Combination 22.50
44.00 Golden Oak . 30.00	40.00 Fumed Oak 30.00

Dining Tables	Dining Chairs
\$13.50—6 ft. G. O. \$10.00	\$ 1.85 Golden Oak . \$ 1.50
42.50—8 ft. G. O. 35.00	2.75 Golden Oak . 2.00
45.00—8 ft. G. O. 40.00	1.85 Early Eng. . 1.50
52.50—8 ft. G. O. 42.50	3.25 Early Eng. . 2.50
75.00—10 ft. G. O. 65.00	38.50 G. Oak, set. . 27.50
48.50—8 ft. E. E. 35.00	50.00 Fumed set. . 35.00

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1—45.00 Mahogany, leather covered Davenport	30.00
1—85.00 Mahogany, plush covered Davenport	40.00
1—65.00 Golden Oak, leather covered Bed Davenport	45.00
1—65.00 Early English, leather covered Davenport	50.00
1—97.50 All Leather, stuffed Davenport	50.00
1—95.00 Mahogany, plush covered Davenport	72.50

## Brass Beds

\$37.50—Full size bed	\$20.00
35.00—Full size bed	25.00
42.50—Full size bed	27.50
52.50—Full size bed	35.00
67.50—Full size bed	40.00

## Full Size Wood Beds

26.50—Early English	\$13.50
26.50—4 Poster Mah.	20.00
27.50—Mahogany Bed	15.00
85.00—Golden Oak Bed	50.00
37.50—Golden Oak Bed	30.00

## Iron Beds

\$ 7.00—3-6 White enamel	\$5.00
13.00—4-6 White enamel	7.50
14.00—4-6 White enamel	8.50
20.00—4-6 White enamel	13.50
9.00—3-6 Vernis Martin	5.00
7.00—4-6 Vernis Martin	4.95
21.50—4-6 Vernis Martin	12.50

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\$ 6.75 Wicker Rocker	\$ 3.25
8.50 Mahogany Rocker	5.50
21.50 Mahogany Rocker	16.50
30.00 Mahogany Rocker	20.00
30.00 Early English	16.50
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